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Max Baucus, Chairman
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MEMORANDUM

To: Reporters and Editors
From: Carol Guthrie for Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.)
Re: Statement of Administration Policy on the Children's Health Insurance Program
Reauthorization Act of 2007

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus commented today following the release of a Statement of Administration Policy regarding S. 1893, the the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2007. Following the Chairman's comment, please find two items – a list of Frequently Asked Questions about the bill, many of which address inaccuracies in the SAP, and Chairman Baucus's July 17 letter to HHS Secretary Michael Leavitt upon the Administration's first official statement of intention to veto this vital children's health bill. From Chairman Baucus:

"The White House made its views clear on the Senate CHIP bill long ago, and those views are no more factually informed or helpful to children today than they were when first expressed. The Senate is going to move forward with legislation that will preserve health coverage for 6.6 million children under the Children's Health Insurance Program, and that will reach 3.2 million more low-income, uninsured children for health coverage in the next five years. It is my sincerest hope that the President will join, not thwart, the effort to help kids in working families get the doctor's visits and medicines they need through the tried and true Children's Health Insurance Program."

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